

Volunteer Opportunities

Are You the Next Citizen of the Year?

Carlsbad is accepting applications for the award, a 40-year-old tradition that recognizes members of the community who have shown a commitment to serving their fellow Carlsbad residents through city improvements, beautification projects and efforts to better the population's overall well-being.

The nominating period is open through April 27. Those wishing to nominate a fellow Carlsbad resident for the award can visit www.carlsbadca.gov to download a nomination form or call 760-434-2830 for more information.

Wild West Fest

Saturday, May 19 • 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park
6200 Flying L.C. Lane

Wild West Fest will celebrate the Native American culture with a bow and arrow demonstration, the chance to make a rain stick or a bear claw necklace and much more. Volunteers will be assisting with the crafts, archery, pony rides and salsa contest. To learn more, contact the Carlsbad special events staff at specialevents@carlsbadca.gov or 760-602-7511.

*"Little strokes
fell great oaks."*

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Modern Day Volunteers

Seekers: Organizations that need more helping hands
Solvers: Volunteers who respond



Today's busy volunteers are opting for one-time or short-term roles that allow them to participate without committing to a regular schedule. This growing category of on-call volunteers – or solvers – is critical to staging annual sporting events like the Carlsbad Triathlon and special family events like EGGStravaganza. Often city staff calls on these volunteers to assist with major mailings, proctoring tests and answering citizen inquiries about a special program.

The solvers literally allow the City of Carlsbad to do projects or events not possible without volunteer involvement.

Always thanking
all volunteers, but
especially during
National Volunteer
Week April 15-21.
Thank you!

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Mothers and Daughters Bond Through Philanthropy



Tricia and Olivia Fidler.

"The experience is always very uplifting and fun," declared Tricia Fidler. She is talking about the volunteering she and her daughter Olivia do in Carlsbad through the National Charity League. NCL is a mother-daughter organization dedicated to serving local philanthropies while fostering the mother-daughter relationship. Its purpose is to inspire and empower women to succeed as confident, well-rounded and socially aware contributors in their communities.

As liaison for the NCL Del Sol Chapter, Tricia highlights the opportunities offered through the city and posts them on the NCL website. Mothers and daughters pair up to help out at the Carlsbad Triathlon, Halloween on Elm, EGGStravaganza and more.

"Our chapter has donated 500 volunteer hours assisting at City of

Carlsbad events over the last year," Tricia announced. "The City of Carlsbad is the girls' favorite 'philanthropy.' And to have that right in my back yard is really cool."

Tricia appreciates that her hometown of Carlsbad offers a number of opportunities and makes it easy to get involved. And what she loves most about the NCL program is that, "At an age when girls don't really want to hang out with their moms, we have spent 50 hours together over the past year doing good stuff for other people, and it didn't feel like an imposition."

Around Carlsbad

Open Play

Both Calavera Hills and Stagecoach Community Centers offer open gymnasium play. Activities include basketball, badminton, volleyball and pickle ball. Free play for youth and families is also available. Fees are \$2 for Carlsbad adult residents with current photo I.D., \$4 for non-residents. Exact change is required. No charge for youth and teens. Monthly schedules of activities are posted at each community center and are subject to change.



Mother and daughter volunteers. Above, from left: Emma with her mother Molly Gummer and Olivia with her mother Tricia Fidler. Below, daughter Kailey with her mother Tami Hutter.



Let's Learn the Easy Way: SKYPE

Using a camera and microphone attached to a computer, you will create an account and start "Skyping" friends and family all over the country. You will be able to see and hear others who have Skype accounts over your computer with this free, widely-used program. No equipment is required to take this course. It's easy! May 22nd from 1-3 p.m. Senior Center Computer Room Fee: \$28 for residents, \$38 for non-residents. Register online at <https://class.carlsbadca.gov/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Modern Day Volunteers, from front

As an on-call volunteer, one can help for a few hours or occasionally provide service at regular intervals for a short period of time. Volunteers sign up to receive the email blast that interests them, then responds if the opportunity fits into their schedule.



The City of Carlsbad offers a diverse range of flexible volunteer opportunities including:

- **Volunteer Pool:** available during normal work hours
- **Special Events Crew:** available weekends or evenings
- **Trail Crew:** maintain the trail system on the second Saturday of the month
- **Gallery Docents:** act as a host for art gallery receptions

What short-term volunteer jobs would you love to have?



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Volunteer Resources

www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net

To expand your volunteer involvement citywide, contact Sue Irey, Volunteer Coordinator
Sue.Irey@Carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2929